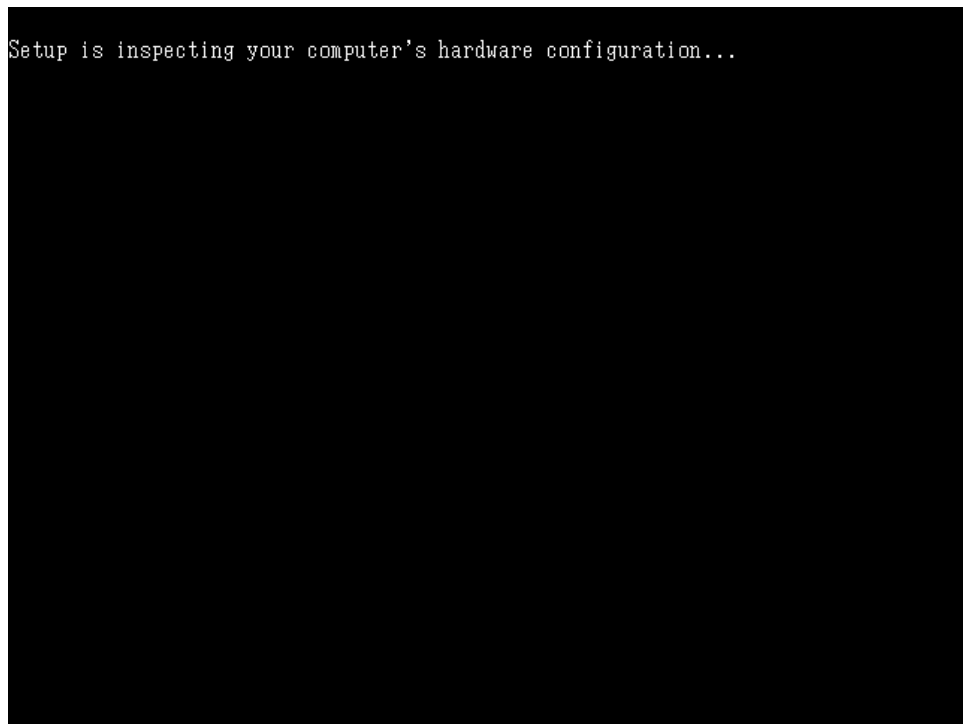
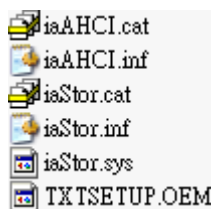
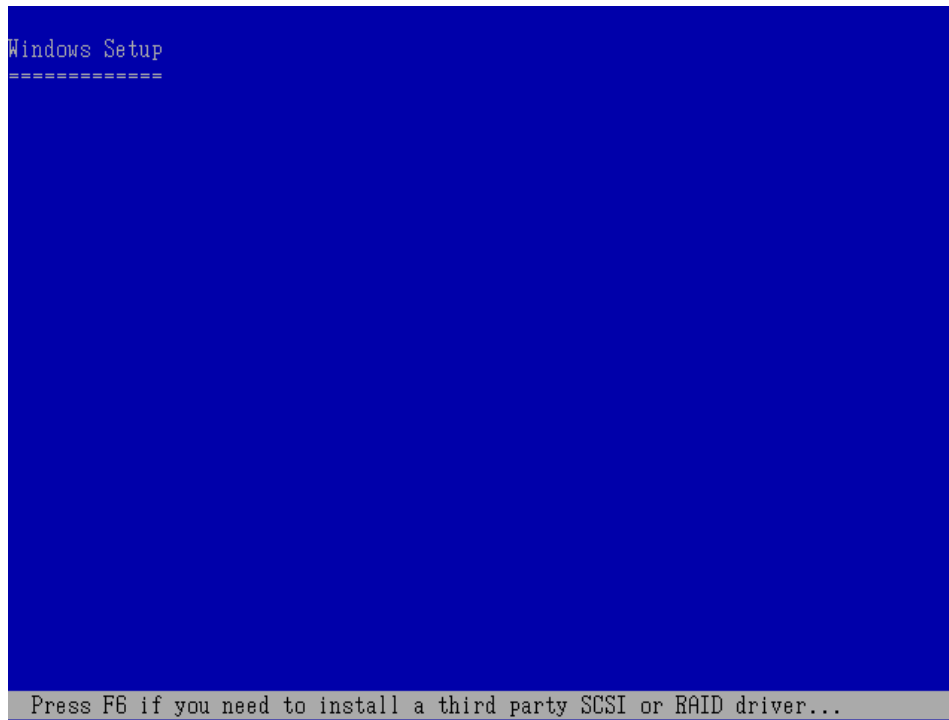
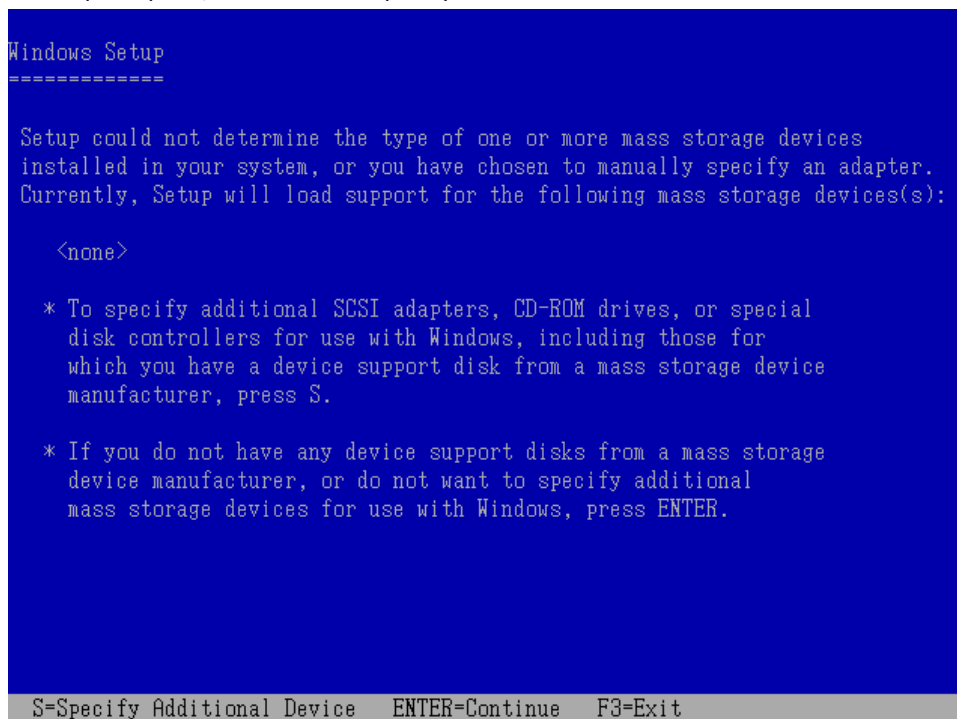
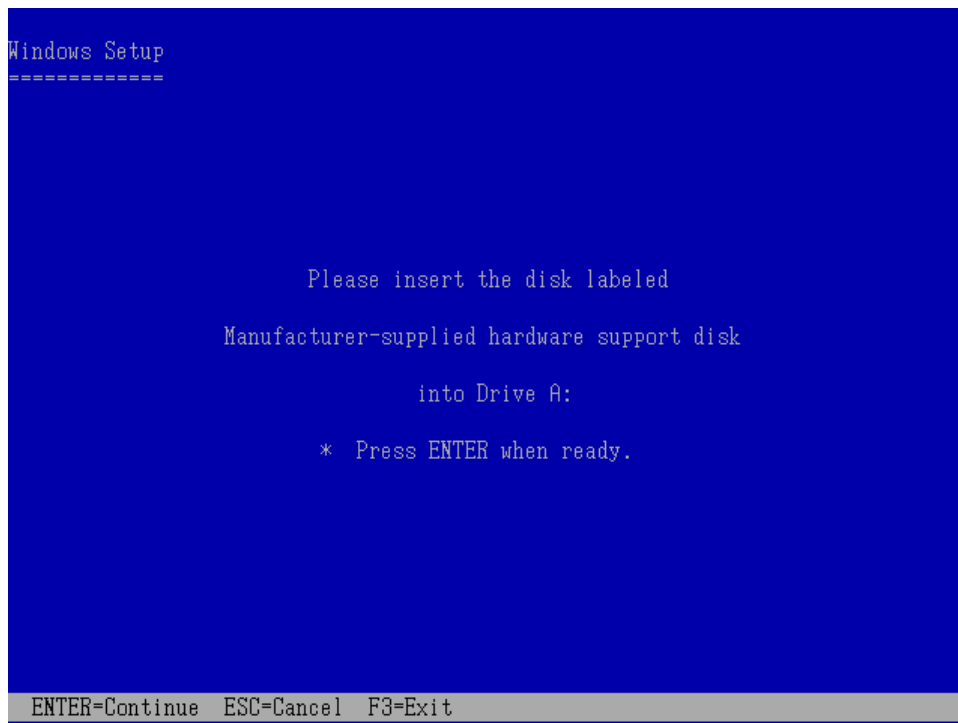
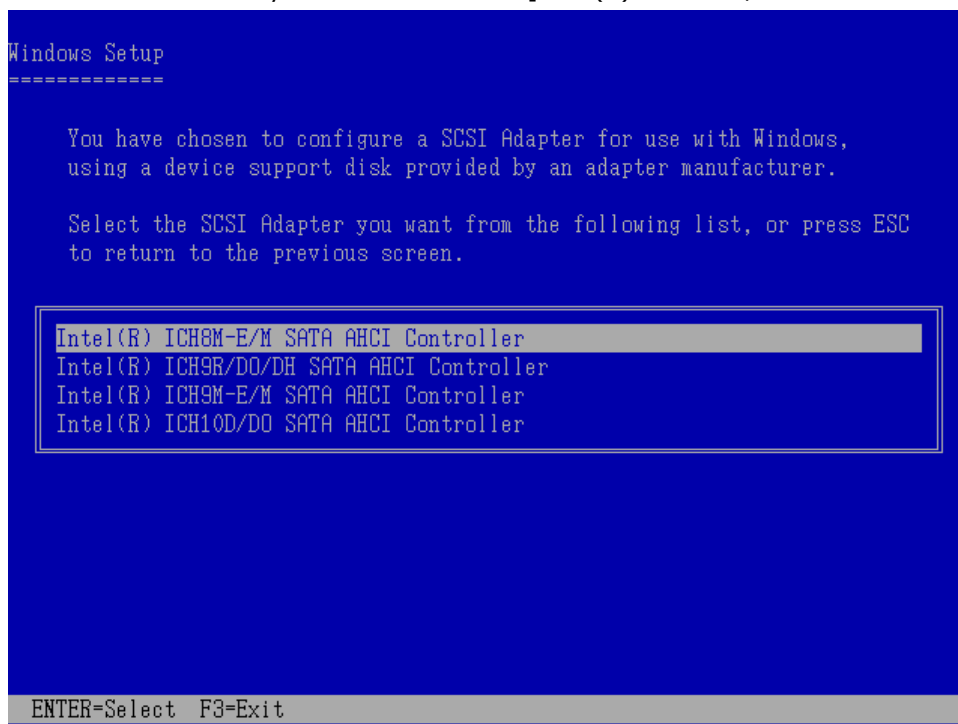
Pre-Install Intel® AHCI Driver for Windows XP® Operating System

Pre-Installation Using the F6 Method

Notes:

Before you start to install Microsoft® Windows XP® operating system, you will need an optical drive, a USB floppy disk drive, a blank 1.44MB floppy diskette, and Microsoft® Windows XP® Professional/Home Edition Setup Disc (bootable).

1. Extract AHCI F6 driver files to a blank 1.44MB floppy diskette. Make sure the following files are contained in the root directory:

2. Connect the USB floppy drive and then boot up from the Microsoft® Windows XP® Professional/Home Edition Setup Disc to install operating system.

3. At the beginning of the operating system installation, press [F6] to install a third party SCSI or RAID driver.

4. When prompted, select 'S' to Specify Additional Device.

5. Insert the floppy diskette you created in step 1.

6. At this point you should be presented with a selection for one of the following controllers listed depending on your hardware version and configuration for AHCI Controllers:

- Please use arrow key to scroll and select [Intel(R) ICH8M-E/M SATA AHCI Controller]

7. Highlight the selection that is appropriate for the hardware in your system and press Enter.

8. Press Enter again to continue.

Leave the floppy diskette in the system until the next reboot as the software will need to be copied from the floppy diskette again when setup is copying files.